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Applicant: Bitler

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Title: Polymeric Thickeners for Oil-Containing Compositions

Assistant Commissioner for Patents

10 Washington, DC 20231

REPLY

Sir,

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This paper is a reply to the Office Action mailed November 25, 2002.

Reexamination, reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested in view of the Amendments and Remarks below.

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AMENDMENTS

Please amend this application as follows.

In the Specification

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In accordance with 37 CFR 121 (b)(1) and (2), Applicant requests replacement of a paragraph in accordance with the instructions below. Attached hereto is a separate paper entitled

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